



NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM

Proposed Revision of WAC 246-650

DECEMBER 15, 2004

PROPOSED ACTIVITY	EXPECTED TIMELINE	DATE COMPLETED
Rule Revision Proposal to State Board of Health	December 2004	
If directed, file CR101 to consider addition of cystic fibrosis (CF) to newborn screening panel	January 2005	
Meet with Clinical Specialists for CF	Jan. – Feb. 2005	
Board of Health briefing for hearing loss screening program	TBD	
Meet with all CF stakeholders (provided review with clinical specialists supports moving forward)	March – April 2005	
Update Board of Health on CF work and national recommendations for newborn screening	May 2005	
If directed, begin drafting rules for CF	May 2005	
Prepare cost benefit analysis	April - June 2005	
Public Hearing	Aug. or Sept. 2005	
Respond to public comments; Prepare Concise Explanatory Statement	Dependent on Board action	
File CR 103	"	
Rule is effective	"	

Next Steps

- ◆ State Board of Health decision on whether to consider requiring newborn screening for cystic fibrosis.
- ◆ State Board of Health briefing on the Early Hearing Loss Detection, Diagnosis and Intervention Program—date to be determined.
- ◆ State Board of Health staff and Department staff will review a report from the American College of Medical Genetics that is expected to recommend 29 disorders for newborn screening. (Eighteen of the conditions as described in the report are not screened for by Washington.) A Board briefing will follow to identify if any further action should be taken.

For detailed information about the newborn screening rule revision process and related timelines, please call

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